[Mr. C. O. Madhavan].

(*b*) Now it does not serve as an effective barrier against smugglers.

(*c*) The proposal is under consideration.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): May I know the amount spent for re-planting bamboo in the Illikkotta Reserve on the northern frontier, in the year 1102?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The Illikkotta or bamboo fortress, as it is called flowered in 1102; and thereafter there is no fortress there. Since then, Government have been trying to replant and spend some money for the purpose. Watchers were engaged, but not solely for replanting bamboos; they had to guard the frontier and also to replant bamboos.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government tried to plant as they did in the eastern frontier?

MR. C O. NADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): That was not attempted.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether bamboo fencing is an effective barrier against smugglers?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It was an effective barrier when it was in existence.

Piece-work schedule of the Government Press.

352. ❋ **MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Piece-work Schedule of the Government Press current when Government order R. Dis. No. 1130 of 25 Judicial, dated 6th/9th May 1925 was given; and

(2) will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any alterations have been made in it since then;

(*b*) what those alterations, if any, are and

(*c*) whether, when, and by what order those alterations were sanctioned by Government?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) A copy of the Piece-work Schedule brought up to-date is placed on the Secretary's table;

(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*). The member is referred to the Schedule.

Particulars re: the piece-work done by employees of the Government Press.

353. ❋ **MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing for each of the months of Karkatakam 1111 and Chingam and Kanni 1112:

(*a*) the number of lines set up by the piece-workers;

(*b*) the number of hours of authors' correction done by them;

(*c*) the number of formes imposed by them;

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(*d*) the number of lines in standing pages altered by them ;

(*e*) the charges computed by the Press for each of the above items ;

(*f*) the amounts objected by the Account Office in each of those items ;

(*g*) the total monthly bill from the Press for the piece-workers for all their work ; and

(*h*) the amounts actually received by them in those months ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*), (*c*) and (*d*). The number of lines set the number of formes imposed and the number of lines in standing pages altered all combined reduced to standard pages of foolscap folio came to—

	Karkatakam	1111	...	4758	pp.
	Chingam	1112	...	2996	,,
	Kanni	1112	...	3888	,,
(*b*)	Karkatakam	1111	...	801	hours.
	Chingam	1112	...	618	,,
	Kanni	1112	...	487	,,

		Rs.	Ch.	C.
(*e*) Karkatakam	1111	2592	5	1
Chingam	1112	1623	10	9
Kanni	1112	2125	11	12
(*f*) Karkatakam	1111	6	27	2
Chingam	1112	20	20	12
Kanni	1112		Nil.	
(*g*) Karkatakam	1111	5175	14	2
Chingam	1112	3678	6	13
Kanni	1112	4144	13	0
(*h*) Karkatakam	1111	5181	15	10
Chingam	1112	3652	14	1
Kanni	1112	4144	13	0

Appointments in the Government Press.

354. ***MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the selection for the recruitment of the piece-workers of the Government Press comes within the purview of the Public Service Commissioner ; and

(*b*) whether the Superintendent of the Government Press has appointed fresh men as computors and proof-readers without reference to the Public Service Commissioner ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

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